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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Stapleton DATE TYPED: 2/03/03 HB 140
 SHORT TITLE: Sickle Cell Anemia Program SB _____
 ANALYST: Maloy

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$129.2			Recurring	General Fund

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
 Department of Health

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 140 appropriates \$129,200 from the general fund to the department of health to contract for services relating to Sickle Cell Anemia. Any unexpended or unencumbered balances would revert to the general fund.

Significant Issues

Every year the Newborn Screening Program identifies two cases of sickle cell diseases (SCD) and 180 hemoglobinopathy/traits in infants. Currently, there are 30 SCD cases managed by University of New Mexico (UNM) Department of Hematology.

The incidence of SCD is predominantly seen in persons of African-American descent, but it (especially hemoglobinopathies) is also seen in the Hispanic population. The Sickle Cell Council of New Mexico is the sole source provider in New Mexico offering specialized services for sickle cell conditions.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB140 appropriates \$129.2 from the general fund to the Department of Health for contract services. This appropriation is not part of the Governor's Executive Budget Request. However, the

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Department of Health has been funding the New Mexico Sickle Cell Council through general funds since 1973. The increase in this year's appropriation would facilitate the Sickle Cell Council's ability to provide needed additional statewide sickle cell education, blood screening and genetic screening.

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